

Mullinahone will Face Loughmore

C.J.Kickham's are through to their 7th county senior hurling semifinal. In it they will face Loughmore in Semple Stadium on Sunday next in a double bill. On Saturday last after extra time, again in Semple Stadium, they defeated Kildangan from the North division 3-17 to 3-16 to qualify for the semi-final. Previously, Mullinahone have reached the semi-finals in 1997, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2011 and now in 2014.

In 2004, we didn't have to win a quarter final as we had received a bye because we were divisional champions and we had also won a section of that year's county league. In the league section of this year's championship supporters in general were disappointed when the Kickhams went down to Ballina in a game we should have won. Our only hope from then on was to win the divisional championship. This we did though we were regarded as outsiders in the divisional semi-final against Swan and in the final against Killenaule. We were disgusted when we were drawn to play Killenaule the following week in the last 16, but again we surprised nearly everybody. In the county quarter final on Saturday, we started well and after 48 minutes we led 1-13 to 0-08 having missed an amount of scores in the third quarter. Yet, seven minutes later Kildangan had drawn level.

A minute from the end they had pulled two points clear, but in the three minutes of added time, we drew level to send the game to extra time. Kildangan now made all the running and with seven minutes left they goaled to go five points clear. Mullinahone goaled to give themselves hope and with three minutes left they were awarded a penalty. One could see Eoin Kelly eye up goalie Darragh Egan and then he slammed the ball into the net away from Egan to give us an unlikely victory.

Eoin may have been the scoring hero, and he hurled well in the added time to keep us in touch. However, the real drive came from Paul Curran in defence as he brought out ball after ball as the game was slipping away. Others too stepped up their games as well, but it was the two old heroes who led the team to the semi-final. We won't be the favourites next weekend, but perhaps, we can pull off another surprise win. Hopefully, a large crowd of supporters will turn up in Semple Stadium to urge on the team. Among the semi-finalists we are the only divisional champions.

Local Lotto Draw

The last local lotto jackpot draw took place on Monday last October 13th. The numbers drawn were 6,13, 29 and 30. There was no jackpot winner, but we did have 2 Match 3 winners. Congrats to Ann Walpoole and Nell Cahill who shared €150. Next draw will be on Monday 26th October/Tue. October 27th when the jackpot could be worth €7,600.

Irish Champion

Congratulations to Ché Delaney-Scott who recently won the MUAY THAI Irish championship at U12 level. Ché beat two Dublin boys in the semi-final and final. He received the Irish champion belt and a gold medal. He is in 5th class in St. Michael's National School. His father Walter is his trainer and he runs the COURAGE Muay Thai Gym in Clonmel.

Mullinahone Community Centre

The Silver Circle monthly draw commenced in September. This draw is the main source of income which maintains our Community Centre. It is very important to have your support. Lines in the draw cost €20 each and for this one takes part in 12 monthly draws. Please support your Community Centre by buying a line in the monthly draw.

Parish Newsletter

All over the world last Sunday was Mission Sunday. Sympathy to Francis Walsh Ballyduggan and to Kathleen Gardiner, Poulacapple and to Statia O'Grady, Mullinoly on the death in the UK of their sister, Paggy (Walsh) Heaphy. Anniversary Masses next weekend Sat. 25th October at 8pm Nora & Paddy Meehan, Carrick Street, Sun. 26th October at 9.30am Michael and Phyllis Dunne, Ballyduggan, also John Dunne and Dan Maher, Sunday 26th October 11.30am Dr. Ed. Staunton. May they all rest in peace. The Autumn Priests collection is being taken up at this time. Use the envelope that you received or any envelope with your name on it, will do.

Visiting the Sick

If you have a relative or friend in hospital or a nursing home and you would like them to be visited, please inform Fr. McGrath. Unless the priest knows where the person is, it is extremely difficult for him to make that call.

Twenty Five Year Reunion

In 1988 our GAA Club made history when we won the Co. U21B Football and Hurling double defeating Loughmore in both finals. More was to follow in 1989 when the county junior hurling and U21A hurling titles were won. A year later in 1990, we won the All-Ireland St. Judes Junior Hurling title 7's. To celebrate those historic wins and times, a reunion of players and supporters will take place in the Park Hotel, Clonmel on Saturday November 1st. This is a night not to be missed. Tickets at a cost of €25 are available from Jackie Bolger, Dick Egan, Albert Curran, Eddie McCarthy, John Croke and Rita Curran. All groups in our community are welcome to use this night as a gathering for themselves. Please book your tickets early for Saturday night week.